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TREMENDOUS ASSAULTS OF GERMANS REPULSED

Wave After Wave of Grey Coated Germans Dash Against French Fortifications and Break to Pieces—Rank After Rank Blown to Shreds in Their Ceaseless Charges—Teuton Loss In Two Days 20,000—Death Reigns Along Six Mile Front—French Losses Are Heavy

London, April 11.—Under the most tremendous blows in history the French line at Verdun is still holding today. Wave after wave of gray coated Germans has been thrown against the defenders on a six mile front northwest of the citadel. The French have not only repulsed these repeated attacks, but have driven the Germans back in savage hand to hand fighting on the southern bank of Forges brook. Beginning with the new infantry assaults Saturday, the battle has hourly become more violent until now it appears that it is about to culminate in a grand German assault on both banks of the Meuse.

"If the French hold this time, Verdun is saved beyond a doubt," declared a prominent English authority today. Twenty thousand Germans have been killed or disabled in two days of the new Verdun attack. Paris also admitted today that the French losses were very heavy. All day yesterday the Germans charged ceaselessly, one rank dashing forward, only to be blown to pieces and immediately succeeded by a fresh rank rushing into the same hell of bullets and shrapnel.

Division after division was sent against Dead Man's hill, but they only succeeded in penetrating advanced positions, and the French claim that most of these were recaptured by immediate counter attacks.

Encouraged by their success in seizing Termiten ridge, the German commanders ordered a frontal attack on hill 304. The Teutons came on in mass formation. They became lost and confused, however, in barren ravines and when the units were more or less demoralized by this, French guns, which had been concealed on all sides, suddenly opened fire.

Under this punishment from scores of cannon, the German attack halted. As the Kaiser's men retreated the French guns dropped dozens of high explosive shells among their huddled masses, lifting groups of shattered men out of the ranks, blowing them to pieces and biting great holes in the confused crowds. Similar bloody scenes were enacted between Hancourt and Bethincourt. But on the eastern side, where the reserves sheltered the Germans from the French artillery, the Teutons shattered the French advanced line for more than a quarter of a mile.

Losses Are Appalling.

Paris, April 11.—German losses in the battle of Verdun are now more than 200,000, according to an official estimate today.

The Third German corps has lost 22,000 men, half its total strength, and the Eighteenth lost 17,000. In a recent attack on Vaux, the Sixteenth and the Nineteenth corps lost 60 per cent of their personnel. Half of the Eleventh corps was wiped out in an assault on Avoourt.

Attacking with liquid fire, the Germans captured small fragments of trenches on a ridge east of Dead Man's hill during the night. Elsewhere they were repulsed, the war office communique said.

Debouching from Crows woods, the Teutons were routed by a hot artillery and infantry fire.

East of the Meuse there was a bloody fight in which Germans attempting to recapture lost ground south of Donnumont were heavily checked and thrown into disorder. The Germans tried to use liquid fire there also but their tanks were torn by big gun projectiles before they could get their flame throwers into action.

Fighting Is Desperate.

By Ed L. Keen.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, April 11.—Meeting the most savage German attacks with furious counter assaults, and sheets of flame from rapid fire guns, the French are checking Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm's strongest blow against Verdun today.

The French offensive rivals that which the crown prince is launching against Dead Man's hill where the smash at Verdun has reached its highest power. Leaping from their trenches to meet the advancing hordes of Teutons the French fought them to a standstill and halted them everywhere except along the barren northeastern ridge of Dead Man's hill, where the Germans gained a foothold.

Hurled back from the French barbed wire entanglements, the tide of spiked helmets receded, leaving a trail of dead and dying, while tons of metal from thundering guns concealed in forests and behind hills dropped with tremendous explosions in the midst of the struggling masses.

Berlin's statements indicated that the French lost at least 100,000 men in the defense. It was also semi-officially claimed that more than 95,000 French prisoners had been taken. Paris figured German losses in the 51 day fight at more than 200,000.

Official communique indicated that the desperate French resistance was breaking up the German offensive while it is at the crest of its strength. The battle has narrowed to a three mile front.

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THREE ARE EXECUTED

Juarez, Mex., April 11.—Executed by a firing squad of six Christians, Florentina Hernandez, Jose Bouriel and Nicholas Chavarra paid the penalty for their alleged treachery today. They were lined up against an adobe wall inside an old cemetery and killed just at sunrise. Their bodies were left lying as they fell, for the public to view. General Gavira announced that they had confessed that interests close to the Felix Diaz movement paid them money to foment a mutiny in the Juarez garrison. It was stated there would be no more executions, although two score others were implicated in the plot. The trio slain today were charged with being ringleaders. Chavarra was formerly secretary to General Orozco. The executioners selected their victims as they pleased and shot them singly.

SUICIDED AFTER HE KILLED THE DEPUTY

Al Heller, Famous Horseman, Killed Deputy Sheriff Without Cause

Riverside, Cal., April 11.—Al Heller, who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Bay Tripp, aged 23, when the latter attempted to arrest him at Aguanga yesterday, died a few hours later by his own hand, according to word received here today. The posse sent out from Hemet to run him down found Heller dead in a suit, a bullet hole in his head. It is believed that he was demented when he fired on young Tripp. The deputy and a posse were seeking cattle rustlers when Tripp was slain.

Heller is one of the best known horsemen in southern California. He owned the Riverside racing track and owned and drove Hal McKinney and other well known trotting stock.

Tripp got on the trail of cattle thieves Sunday evening. He took two Indians and tracked his men to a point on the desert 30 miles east.

When he called to the occupants of a tent hidden in sage brush to surrender yesterday, three shots was the reply. He died almost instantly. The Indians fired several volleys at the fugitive who fled on a horse.

Trading at Standstill with Prices Sagging

New York, April 11.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said:

The general uncertainty with regard to the submarine situation and the political outlook which checked public participation in the trading, affected the professional element to a marked extent today. Pool equities and traders showed little inclination to buy and sell. Some issues like Crucible Steel, Maxwell and United States Smelting developed spurts of activity but they were offset by reactions in industrial Alcohol, American Zinc and Mercantile Marine preferred. Trading was at a standstill by midday and barely 30,000 shares changed hands during the third hour.

Bonds were quiet. There was no important change in the later trading except that the prevailing dullness was accentuated.

Prices moved within a narrow range when they moved at all. The tone was heavy but leaders sagged off more from inattention than from any other reason.

Marshall To Be Named for Vice President

Washington, April 11.—Thomas R. Marshall will be running mate of the democratic presidential nominee and Senator James Hamilton Lewis will be temporary chairman of the democratic convention according to the prospective arrangements of many democratic leaders gathered here today for Thursday's conference of state chairmen. There is some opposition to Lewis.

The democrats want to elect two senators from Indiana this fall and figured that Marshall's name would be needed on the ticket to aid them.

Portland Told to Expect Unusually High Water

Portland, Or., April 11.—Warning to residents of the lowlands along the Columbia and Willamette river and to the business men whose plants are along Front street here have been issued by the United States weather bureau. Higher water than usual is anticipated owing to the heavy snow fall.

The warning says: "Last winter was unusually cold, and the snowfall not only began earlier in the fall and continued later in the spring than usual, but the amounts that fell were the heaviest in years. The snow in the mountains is well packed

PACIFIC MAIL TO BEGIN BUSINESS ON ITS OLD ROUTE

Only Short Time Ago Sold Out and Quit Account "Inimical Laws"

EVIDENTLY RAN A BLUFF THAT FAILED TO WORK

Buy New Fleet of Vessels—Like Armor Plate Gang, "Will Be Good"

San Francisco, April 11.—The Pacific Mail Steamship company which recently hauled down its flag, sold its steamers and announced it had withdrawn from the ocean, will resume business June 17.

This word caused a sensation in shipping circles here today. The announcement was made by John H. Rosetter, manager for W. B. Grace and company, which, with the American International Corporation of New York, now controls the old Pacific Mail.

A new fleet of vessels which will fly the Pacific Mail flag has been secured—the Ecuador, Columbia and Venezuela. They were brought to this coast presumably for the Latin-American trade, and the announcement that instead they would fly between San Francisco and Oriental ports was a great surprise.

According to Rosetter if these steamers do a successful business, many more up to date crack liners will be built, and the United States flag once more will be firmly re-established in the Pacific.

An arrangement has been entered into whereby the Togo Kisen Kaisha will make its sailings alternately with the Pacific Mail, the same as in the past, so there will be a liner from San Francisco for the far east every week.

REPUBLICAN LEADER ROASTS THEODORE

Barnes Says: "Roosevelt Is An Enemy of the American Republic"

New York, April 11.—The statement of William Barnes, Jr., who charged Theodore Roosevelt was a "pernicious influence to the country" was believed by political observers today to have greatly widened the breach between the colonel and the republican leader of New York state.

"Roosevelt is an enemy to the American republic," said Barnes. "He is the most pernicious influence in the country upon the public mind, not even excepting Bryan."

Barnes denied a rumor from Boston which said he would support Roosevelt if the latter were nominated as the regular republican candidate. He declared Roosevelt had not respected the rights of others, that he was not a leader of progressives, and that he had attached himself to the preparedness movement after it was started by others.

TARIFF GOES ON SUGAR

Washington, April 11.—The free sugar clause in the tariff law was repealed today by the senate, after it had voted 49 to 32 to limit the repeal to five years.

ROSEBURG WELCOMES PITTSBURG FINANCIER

Roseburg, Ore., April 11.—S. A. Kendall, Pittsburg financier, received a greater ovation on his visit to Roseburg today than has ever been accorded a president of the United States.

Escorted by a large reception committee he visited various parts of the city, and a crowd gathered wherever his automobile stopped.

On his arrival last night two brass bands and 1,500 citizens welcomed at the station. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall were then made guests of honor at a huge reception.

Kendall intends to promote the proposed Roseburg & Eastern railroad into the Cascades east of the city, and to build several sawmills. To help finance the project, the city of Roseburg recently voted to bond itself. The supreme court, however, held that the city could not loan its credit to a private enterprise.

ONE OF COX BROTHERS IS SEEN AT TRUCKEE

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GALLERY GODS LAUGHED AND CALVE FAINTED

San Francisco, April 11.—When Madame Emma Calve stepped upon the Orpheum stage today she gave the gallery a defiant glare before singing "Le Clarion," a patriotic French song, which provoked the laughter of the "gods" at Monday's matinee. The celebrated diva was in the midst of it when a long guffaw echoed from the gallery. It was followed by many others. Replying to an encore which the orchestra audience demanded in spite of the shouts from above, Madame Calve was overcome by the situation and fainted. The curtain was quickly rung down.

SPY IS EXECUTED

London, April 11.—A spy, whose name is withheld, has been executed in the Tower of London, it was officially announced today.

WOMAN RECOGNIZED HIM AS HE CRAWLED FROM BRAKE BEAM LAST NIGHT

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Constable DeJandener was still alive today and some hopes for his recovery were entertained.

ONE THOUSAND CASES OF BEER ARE SEIZED

Seattle, Wash., April 11.—One thousand cases of beer were seized by federal agents after they had been loaded from a scow in the East Waterway last night.

The beer is consigned to "E. Juener" according to the marks on the cases, and it is believed that it was sent up from California, and loaded onto the scow under cover of darkness.

The police obtained word at midnight that the scow carrying approximately a carload of beer, was making its way on East Waterway. Sergeants Smart and Melvin, with eight patrolmen watched all night for the landing. A police patrol boat with two officers aboard trailed the unsuspecting scow.

When the scow landed early this morning, laborers started unloading the cases.

In the meantime officers obtained a seizure warrant from the prosecuting attorney and took charge of the beer. The police have not yet learned the details of the plot to smuggle in the contraband.

ROOSTER PUT HIM OUT

Pendleton, Ore., April 11.—L. A. McClintock is here to combat as a result of a fracas with a Buff Orpington rooster. McClintock was fishing near a barnyard when the rooster attacked him. Unable to pierce his rubber boots, the rooster plunged its beak successively in each thigh. The wounds swelled and McClintock was compelled to summon an automobile to get home.

SETTLEMENT MUST COVER ENTIRE SUBMARINE DISPUTE

By Robert J. Bender.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, April 11.—With only a few of the necessary facts at hand regarding the latest German submarine situation, the cabinet convened for its regular session today. The German disclaimer of responsibility for the steamer Sussex disaster was believed due to be handled Ambassador Gerard in Berlin today, but no word concerning it had been received from him.

Lacking this document, the cabinet, issue without confirmation of reports that Germany denied attacking the channel steamer Sussex. The statement that Germany denied ever having promised not to torpedo freight vessels without warning was also without official confirmation.

It was clear from the utterances of officials that the Sussex case alone is not responsible for the present crisis. The Lusitania affair and, in fact, the whole submarine issue, is to be disposed of at this time. The administration has not considered the Lusitania episode closed since the Kaiser's decree of submarine warfare against armed merchantmen was announced, as that program was declared to be in conflict with the Berlin government's assurances.

No settlement which does not cover the entire ground of the undersea boat issue will be considered satisfactory. The significance of recent submarine activities, officials say, lies in the fact that they indicate Germany does not accept America's position with regard to the Kaiser's right to sink passenger ships.

AMERICAN CAVALRY IS CLOSE AFTER BANDIT

Now In State of Durango On Trail of Villa Who Is Reported One Day's Ride Ahead of Them—Another Story Tells of Villa Being Wounded and Gives Details—Refugees Say Carranza's Troops Moved Out of Way Allowing Villistas to Make Good Their Escape

By E. T. Conkle,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

El Paso, Texas, April 11.—American cavalry is reported to have entered the state of Durango today. Far in advance of the United States forces, Francisco Villa is at Tepehuanes, on the main highway leading to Durango City, it was reported.

Besides these unconfirmed advices, arrivals from Chihuahua City brought a new version of the circumstances under which Villa was wounded.

They said that Andreas Rehaza, a Mexican, shot Villa in the leg at Guerrero, March 30, after his daughter had been outraged. Villistas caught Rehaza, who attempted to flee after firing the shot. He was dragged before Villa. Although suffering severely from his injury, the bandit chief put his revolver to Rehaza's brow and sent a bullet into his brain.

Passengers on Chihuahua trains also added that Leon Bari, a French merchant of Guerrero, four Arab peddlers, a number of Mexicans, three Americans and two other foreigners were reported to have been murdered at Minaca and Guerrero.

The later five were again said to be "Dr. A. T. Stell, Lee Lindsey and Frank Woods, Americans, Herman Blankenburg, German and Donald MacGregor, British.

Travelers arriving here strongly denounced the Carranzistas. They charged de facto government troops stepped out of Villa's path after he had defeated them at Guerrero. In Villa's flight from American forces through Minaca, La Junta, El Rancho De Santiago, Cierro Prieto, Satevo and Ojo Azules he was not at any time opposed by Carranzistas, according to these travelers. The constitutionalists did not march from Chihuahua City after Villa until he was known to be well on his way to Durango.

How the Carranzistas at Durango City will receive Villa is a question uppermost in the minds of officials. A portion of the garrison, under the Arrieta brothers was reported opposed to the American "invasion." This report was not confirmed. Other reports had it that the Arrieta brothers were Villa's personal enemies, and that they were entrenched at Durango City to give him a warm welcome.

A number of Salazar sympathizers, including General Marcelo Caraveo and General Zaragoza, have been arrested in El Paso. Department of justice agents, alarmed at Salazar's escape from this country for the announced purpose of heading a new revolution in Mexico, are determined to break up all anti-Carranza factions here.

There was an unconfirmed report that Carranzistas had raided Esquiredo's ranch at Villa Ahumada.

TWO SHIPS FROM TACOMA ARE LONG OVER DUE

Tacoma, Wash., April 11.—Long overdue at her destination, the whereabouts of the British steamship Valetta is causing uneasiness here today. The steamer loaded a record cargo of 9,500 tons of barley here under charter to Keer-Gifford and company and sailed January 10. The value of the cargo was \$400,000. From the time the Valetta sailed no word has been received from her, though other steamers out from this port later have reported their arrival. The Valetta is now out about 87 days.

The American steamer Eurania, from Tacoma, with a cargo of flour, is another vessel past due at her European destination. The Pacific, a sister ship, made the run in 45 days, while the Eurania is now out nearly 70 days. The ship had the American flag painted on her sides when she left port.

POLK COUNTY FARM SOLD

Mrs. A. J. Barham has sold to A. K. Haven of Drain, 68 acres of land one mile from Falls City, the consideration being \$2,700. There is a comfortable dwelling and a barn on the place. The purchaser will move his family here from Douglas county within a few days.—Polk County Observer.

GOVERNOR WITHEY COMBE HAS BECOME A CONVERT TO THE HONOR SYSTEM IN OREGON'S PENITENTIARY

That's fine, but there are yet a number of other good ideas advanced by his predecessors which could be followed up with great advantage to the state.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder east portion tonight; light frost west, heavy frost east portion tonight; westerly winds.

THE BALL PLAYERS WILL SOON BE BACK

